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SUBJ: MEETING OF PREPARATORY COMMITTEE ON UN CONFERENCE ON
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT

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1. ACTING DIRECTOR OF UN AND CONFERENCE DIVISION IN SRI LANKA
FOREIGN MINISTRY INFORMED ECON OFFICER THAT ALL PREPARATIONS
FOR SUBJECT MEETING ARE BEING HANDLED BY THE MINISTRY OF
FINANCE AND PLANNING.

2. ON JANUARY 17, ECON OFFICER SPOKE WITH W.S. NANAYAKKARA,
DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE ECONOMIC AFFAIRS DIVISION, MINISTRY OF
FINANCE AND PLANNING, AND GAVE HIM AN INFORMAL PAPER PREPARED
ON THE BASIS OF REFTELS. NANAYAKKARA SAID SRI LANKA WOULD BE
REPRESENTED BY SOMEONE FROM THEIR GENEVA MISSION, PROBABLY
K.K. BRECKENRIDGE.

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3. NANAYAKKARA SAID SRI LANKA HAS NOT BEEN ACTIVE IN THE PRE-
PARATIONS FOR THE UNCSTD WORLD CONFERENCE AND DID NOT PAR-
TICIPATE IN THE FIRST PREP COM SESSION IN NEW YORK. HE STATED
THAT SRI LANKA WOULD BE A MORE ACTIVE PARTICIPANT IN THE SE-
COND SESSION, HOWEVER, AND HIS OFFICE WAS NOW PREPARING IN-
STRUCTIONS FOR THE GENEVA MISSION. NANAYAKKARA AGREED WITH
THE US VIEW THAT THE CONFERENCE SHOULD FOCUS ATTENTION ON THE

ROLE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY CAN PLAY IN MEETING BASIC HUMAN NEEDS IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. HE FELT THE CONFERENCE SHOULD STRESS THE DEVELOPMENT OF INDIGENOUS TECHNOLOGY, AND THE PROBLEMS OF THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY SHOULD BE LEFT TO UNCTAD.

4. ACCORDING TO NANAYAKKARA, SRI LANKA IS HARD AT WORK ON ITS NATIONAL PAPER, AND HE EXPECTS TO MEET THE MAY 1 DEAD-LINE. IN NOVEMBER A QUESTIONNAIRE WAS SENT TO ALL APPROPRIATE MINISTRIES, AND A COMMITTEE IS NOW COLLECTING AND ANALYSING THE ANSWERS. A PRELIMINARY DRAFT NATIONAL PAPER IS EXPECTED BY MARCH, AT WHICH TIME THE UN HAS AGREED TO PROVIDE AN EXPERT TO ASSIST IN PREPARING THE FINAL DRAFT. WHEN THE ECON OFFICER ASKED IF THERE WAS ANY PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION IN THIS EXERCISE, NANAYAKKARA ADMITTED THAT THERE WAS NOT BUT MADE A NOTE TO HIMSELF TO SEE IF PRIVATE SECTOR VIEWS COULD BE INCLUDED.

5. NANAYAKKARA INDICATED SRI LANKA'S WILLINGNESS TO ENGAGE IN BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS WITH THE US DELEGATION IN GENEVA. ALTHOUGH SRI LANKA HAS BEEN A SLOW STARTER IN THIS AREA, THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY NANAYAKKARA SEEM TO COINCIDE CLOSELY WITH THE US POSITION, AND SRI LANKA COULD BE A USEFUL ALLY IN THE PREP COM AND THE CONFERENCE.

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